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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : அதைப் பயிருக்கு விட்டாலும், பயிர் உடனே செத்துப் போய்விடும். இது வரையிலும் அதை ஒன்றுக்கும் பிரயோசனப்படுத்தவில்லை. எதற்கு அதைப் பிரயோசனப்படுத்தலாம என்பதைப்பற்றி ஆராய்ச்சி செய்ய வேண்டும். அந்த ஆராய்ச்சி இப்பொழுது நடந்துகொண்டிருக்கிறது.

Lay-Secretary and Treasurer of the Kasturba Gandhi Women and Children's Hospital, Madras

* 84 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to post a suitable woman member of the service as Lay-Secretary and Treasurer of the Kasturba Gandhi Women and Children's Hospital, Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government consider the question of deputing a woman member of the service, either an Upper Division Clerk or a Superintendent from the Secretariat or from the Office of the Director of Medical Services in view of the gosha nature of this hospital?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I shall be glad to do it. But no woman candidate is eligible. As and when there are eligible persons, of course, we can consider about it.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : If no suitable lady candidate is available, will the Government ensure that a person of mature age is posted as Lay-Secretary in this hospital?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : In this case, mature or immature age is immaterial. We want a qualified candidate for the work to be done.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Has any complaint been lodged with the Government because there is a male Lay-Secretary in this hospital?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Absolutely not.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—INFORMATION *RE* DELAY IN ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : On a point of information, Sir. May I bring to your kind notice, Mr. Deputy Chairman, that as far as questions in this House are concerned, it is our experience, rather a sad experience, that months and months elapse before questions are replied to? I gave notice of a question at the end of last month with a request that it might be accepted as a short notice question. I know personally that it would take hardly half an hour for the Secretariat to prepare a reply to that